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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed March 10, 2000, please cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice and add new claims 11-63 as follows:

11. The electronic commerce system of claim 3 wherein at least one of the modular elements is a digital coupon.

SUBD² 12. The electronic commerce system of claim 11 wherein the client computer is programmed to receive the digital coupon, protected by a cryptographic security code, from another computer.

B 13. The electronic commerce system of claim 11 wherein the digital coupon is configured to be used by any coupon holder that possesses the digital coupon, and wherein the server computer is programmed to accept the digital coupon without regard to identity of the coupon holder.

14. The electronic commerce system of claim 11 wherein the server computer is programmed to determine whether a coupon holder is authorized to use the digital coupon and to accept the digital coupon only if the coupon holder is authorized to use the digital coupon.

15. The electronic commerce system of claim 14 wherein the client computer is programmed to provide information to the server computer concerning identify of the coupon holder.

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